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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

PROBABLE VICTOR SSN BOW SECTION AT KOMSOMOLSK SHIPYARD AMUR 199, USSR

A probable VICTOR nuclear-powered submarine (SSN) bow section was observed at Komsomolsk Shipyard Amur 199, USSR, [REDACTED] This is the first evidence of probable VICTOR-class SSN production at this facility.

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[REDACTED] The opening for the weapons-loading hatch on the bow centerline is presently 4.0 by 1.0 meters. Lengthening of the weapons-loading hatch and openings for the six weapons tubes will be required for this section to conform to present VICTOR SSN configuration.

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D-I nuclear fleet ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs) have been constructed at Komsomolsk Shipyard Amur 199 since mid-1972 and one 199D auxiliary submarine (SSAG) was launched in 1975. The concealment of pressure hull rolled plate since mid-1976 could be related to the introduction of probable VICTOR SSN production at this shipyard.

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